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as shown in my files to be the papers filed in respect to the above identified application and have compared them to the papers attached to the declaration of Kevin L. Kimle, et al. for METHOD FOR ELECTRONICALLY INITIATING AND MANAGING AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION CONTRACTS which accompanies this statement and I declare that these papers attached to the declaration are a copy of the specification and any amendment thereto which I filed in the PTO in order to obtain a filing date for this application by mailing to the PTO by Express Mail bearing Mailing Label Number EL325950680US on June 18, 1999.

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